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ON A VISIT.

"WHY DID YOU GO TO BED WITHOUT SAYING YOUR PRAYERS, ETHEL?"
"I DIDN'T THINK GOD HAD TIME TO LOCATE ME YET."

HOW MANY different advertisements of **COLUMBIA BICYCLES**

HAVE YOU SEEN?

The variety of Columbia Bicycle advertising is great. All the good points of Columbias, all the delight of riding them, cannot be fully described in any one advertisement, nor in a hundred.

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COLUMBIA PRIZE BICYCLE as a

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Arnold
Constable & Co.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS,

Fine Domestic Underwear,
Night Robes, Pellicoles.

Dressing Sacques.
Cameleon Silk Petticoats.

Silk and Crepe Negligée
Gowns.

Fancy Waists.

CHILDREN'S WEAR

Broadway & 19th St.
NEW YORK.

Does This Interest You?

M. Favre Perret, International Juror from Switzerland at our Centennial Exhibition, in a speech to a convention of Swiss watchmakers, stated, in speaking of a "RIVERSIDE" Waltham Watch, "Not one Swiss watch in 50,000 compares with this."

Since this startling and unsolicited testimony was given, Waltham Watches have been improved in quality and lowered in price. Made only by the AMERICAN WALTHAM WATCH COMPANY.

For sale by all retail jewelers.

Three Famous Books

at near to quarter prices. The most important transaction we have lately made in the Book Store puts within your reach three almost unheard-of book bargains.

Bryant's History of the United States.

A Popular History from the First Discovery of the Western Hemisphere by the Northmen to the end of the Civil War. Preceded by a sketch of the prehistoric period and the age of the Mound Builders. By William Cullen Bryant and Sidney Howard Gay.

It contains 50 full-page steel engravings, over 50 full-page woodcuts, and more than 1,000 illustrations in the text. With maps and facsimiles. 4 octavo volumes, 2,443 pages, with complete index. Published to sell at \$24.00. Our price, \$7.

Cyclopedia of Universal Knowledge.

The latest compilation of this kind. 882 large octavo pages. 4,000 articles touching every phase of Cyclopedic Knowledge, 800 illustrations, 115 Maps and Diagrams, 70 of them double-page colored maps. The object of the publisher has been to produce in one, not over big volume, just the accurate, clean-cut information, statistical, his-

torical and general, that every man or woman of intelligence is glad to have at hand. Cloth, red edges, publishers' price, \$5.50, our price, \$1.65. Sheep, marbled edges, publishers' price, \$6, our price, \$1.90. Half Morocco, marbled edges, publishers' price, \$6.50, our price, \$2.25.

England, Picturesque and Descriptive.

A Reminiscence of Foreign Travel. By Joel Cook. Elegantly illustrated with 487 engravings on wood. 537 pages, 4to, size 11 x 8 1/2 inches, gilt edges. Published to sell at \$5.00. Our price, \$1.65.

This is a book that will be thoroughly appreciated by every one who has traveled. It will prove a most useful book to those intending to visit the scenes described, and a highly interesting and instructive book for those who stay at home.

Our book store contains every worthy book. Catalogue for the asking.

BROADWAY
91 & 101 N. E.
FOURTH AVE.

Hilton, Hughes & Co.
SUCCESSORS TO A.T. STEWART & Co.

NEW YORK.

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FOURTH AVE.

WEDDING SILVER.

Special attention given to the preparation of articles suitable for

WEDDING PRESENTS.

Complete outfits of Knives, Forks and Spoons and Carvers. Artistic and original designs in Silver Vases, Trays, and desk furnishings.

THEODORE B. STARR
206 Fifth Ave.,
Madison Square.

Stern Bros

direct attention to their large assortments of

Traveller's Requisites

consisting in part of

Travelling Bags

with Plain or Sterling Silver Mounted Fittings;

Dress Suit Cases,

Leather Jewel Cases

Silver Trimmed

Leather Wallets,

Richly Mounted

Flasks,

Toilet Articles

And a great variety of

Steamer Rugs

and Shawls

All at very

Attractive Prices

West 23d St



THE GRAMMATICAL CLERK.

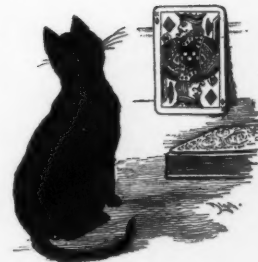
"CAN YOU GIVE ME A ROOM AND A BATH?"
 "NO. YOU'LL HAVE TO BATHE YOURSELF."

A POST-NUPTIAL REVERIE.

THE wedding, last night, was a royal affair,
 According to all of the papers,
 The perfume of flowers afloat in the air,
 The mellowing light of the tapers,
 And Nellie leaned proud on the arm, so they say,
 Of papa, clear up to the altar,
 Repeating the vows in a confident way,
 With no inclination to falter.
 The bridesmaids arrayed in their virginal white,
 Were symphony's sweetest creations,
 The music soared up to the regions of light
 As though it were Heaven's oblations

To Nellie, and yet a grim sense of unrest
 The whole of the evening enthralled me;
 My senses went whirling, my heart was distressed,
 The scene at the altar appalled me.
 It seemed that I lived through a troublesome dream,
 E'en Nellie was thrilled with emotion,
 I once caught her eye and its sparkle and gleam
 Seemed soft in its sense of devotion.
 The crowd lingered late, all their homage to pay,
 And yet even longer I tarried.
 I jealously wanted to steal her away,
 Since I was the fellow she married.

Roy Farrell Greene.



A CAT MAY LOOK AT A KING.



"While there is Life there's Hope."

VOL. XXVII. MAY 7, 1896. No. 697.
19 WEST THIRTY FIRST STREET, NEW YORK.

Published every Thursday. \$5.00 a year in advance. Postage to foreign countries in the Postal Union, \$1.04 a year extra. Single copies, 10 cents.
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ON April 23d, in the course of a row between two Congressmen

in the Naval Affairs Committee-room in the Capitol, inkstands and other stationery were thrown and ink and blood spilt on Uncle Samuel's carpet and over some of his furniture. Neither combatant was hurt enough to afford any prospect that the membership of Congress will be reduced. It seems proper to suggest that in cases of fights between Congressmen in committee-rooms where no one is much hurt, the combatants should pay for the damage done to the room, but where grave injuries are inflicted the Government should stand the expense. It is worth something to Uncle Sam this year to have an average Congressman permanently crippled.



THE late Baron Hirsch was an exceedingly shrewd and able man who became extremely rich, partly by inheritance, partly by marriage, but mainly by using his brains in his business. He had a phenomenal aptitude for money-making and undoubtedly he enjoyed the exercise of his faculties in that employment, but after he had piled up a huge fortune he began to take serious thought as to how he could have fun with it. He wished for distinguished social recognition in Europe, but that it was impossible for him to buy in the measure that he desired because he was a Jew. By profuse expenditures he established intimate relations with the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Orleans and other Europeans of exalted rank and large opportunities for expenditure, but even with their help he could not overcome the prevalent prejudice of European society against a Jew. He went on the turf and succeeded surprisingly with racehorses, but that didn't satisfy him. Finally he turned to charity and especially

to the amelioration of the condition of the people of his own race in Southwestern Europe. He put his intelligence into his philanthropic projects as well as his money, and it is understood that he left them in such order that they will go on and work themselves out now that he is dead.



WHAT is to be done with the huge accumulations of money which lodge nowadays in private hands is one of the most interesting questions of the time. It is a pity that Baron Hirsch should not have had a few years more to devote to his solution of it, but what he did, while the opportunity remained to him, was very edifying and impressive. Judging from the zeal with which he followed up his projects, he must have found philanthropy a remunerative calling, and its incidents as great a relief to his mind as to his pocket. His example is respectfully commended to gentlemen, and American gentlemen especially, who suffer from the sort of fiscal embarrassment with which he had to deal.

IT is rumored that Mr. George Smalley has been threatening England with an American war. No, Mr. Smalley; it won't come. Business is too good in England to be spoiled, and here it is so bad, bad, bad, that we can't afford to fight. We can't fight just now; we don't feel well enough. We can't fight anybody about anything until after Election and then, please Heaven, we'll be too busy at our several trades to think of fighting.



IT seems that Dr. Lee, who recently caught another minister cribbing a sermon, is himself accused of a plagiarism twenty years ago in a college poem. Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive! LIFE offers Dr. Lee the expression of its sympathy. We must all be lenient in our attitude towards the intellectual dishonesties of clergymen. No other profession puts such a premium on disingenuousness as theirs does. They engage at the start to be convinced and to stay convinced as to matters ament which the rest of us may make up our minds at our leisure and unmake them again

without sin. Honesty is made far easier for us than for them, yet instead of being easy on them we hold them, as a rule, to stricter account than ourselves.



A STRUGGLING YOUNG ARTIST.

A QUANDARY.

WHEN mamma saw my cycle suit,
She cried: "It's too short, daughter."
But riding on the Boulevard.
Some men yelled: "Cut it shorter."

Now I'm a simple, little maid,
So won't some one apprise me
If I must listen to mamma,
Or what the men advise me?

Curley.

ALMOST A TRAGEDY.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Miss ALICE TRENT, of Yonkers; a young woman.
Mr. JOHN MARCH DAR, of New York; a young man.
Mr. S. M. GOOSE, of New York; a tailor.
Mr. A. D. TRENT, of Yonkers; a father.

TIME: Last week.

PLACE: Yonkers, New York and Boston.

Note from Miss Trent to Mr. Dar:

YONKERS, N. Y., Monday.

Dear Jack: Can you come up to dinner Thursday evening at six o'clock. Cordially,
ALICE.

Note from Mr. Goose to Mr. Dar:

41144 Broadway.

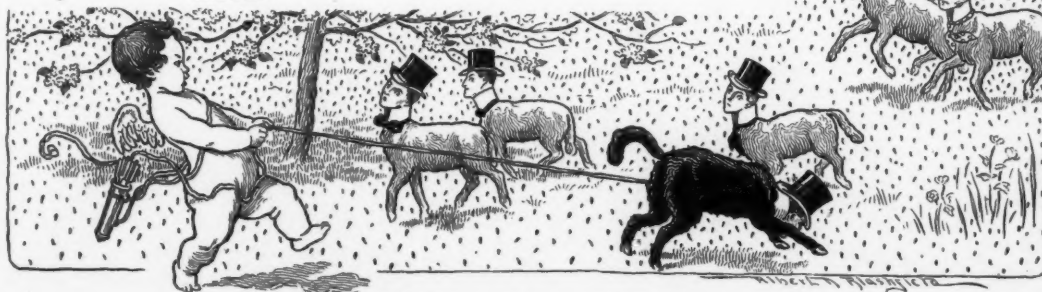
JNO. M. DAR, Esq.

Dear Sir: Can you pay us \$40 on account to-morrow? We need the money.

Yours

respectfully,

S. M. GOOSE.



"THERE'S A BLACK SHEEP IN EVERY FLOCK."

Letter received by Miss Trent from Mr. Dar:

Well, I guess not. You must think I'm a National bank with nothing else to do but to accommodate you. The next time I get such a note from you, you'll hear something drop, and drop hard. See? You make me tired.
Yours,
J. M. DAR.

Letter received by Mr. Goose from Mr. Dar:

Dearest: Nothing would be more delightful than to do as you request. Surely, I shall only be too glad.
Devotedly,
JACK.

Letter from Mr. A. D. Trent to Mr. Dar:

YONKERS, N. Y., Tuesday.

Sir: You are an insolent young puppy and I shall call on you, at your office, to-morrow at 10 A.M. for an explanation of your insulting note to my daughter.
Yours,
A. D. TRENT.

Letter from Mr. Goose to Mr. Dar:

41144 Broadway, Tuesday.

Dear Old Boy: Accept our profoundest thanks for your promptness. Our collector will call at 10 A.M. to-morrow. Yours sincerely,
S. M. GOOSE.

Notice on Mr. Dar's office door Wednesday:

GONE TO BOSTON.
BACK NEXT YEAR.

Telegram from Mr. Dar to Mr. Trent:

BOSTON, MASS, Wednesday.

A. D. TRENT, Yonkers, N. Y.

See my letter to your daughter, mailed to-day.

J. M. DAR.

Telegram to Mr. Goose from Mr. Dar:

BOSTON, MASS., Wednesday.

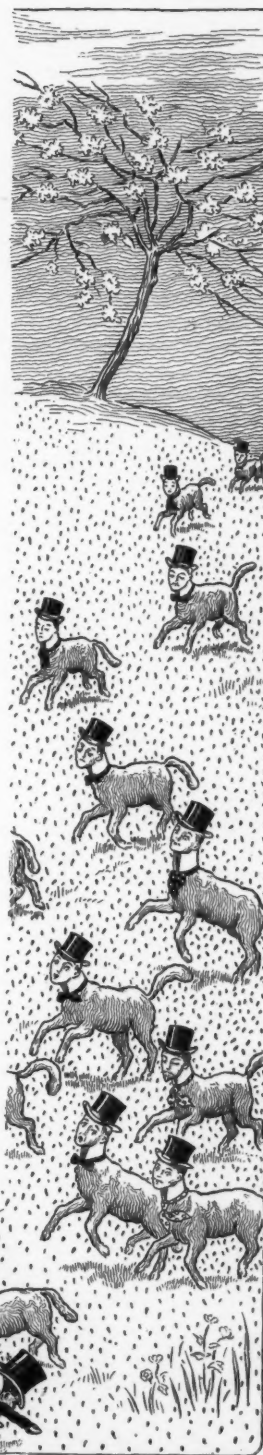
S. M. GOOSE, 41144 Broadway, New York.

Prepare to be sued for large damages, with the accent on the first syllable.
J. M. DAR.

Letter from Mr. Dar to Miss Trent:

Young's Hotel, BOSTON, MASS., Wednesday Ev'ng.

My Darling Alice: Is it necessary for me to explain to you this apparently dreadful situation? Don't you know and understand that I simply mailed you the wrong letter? Try to persuade your father to let me return to New York and explain further in





AN EX IT.

person. Wire me an answer here as soon as you read this.

Anxiously but devotedly, Your

JACK.

Telegram from Miss Trent to Mr. Dar:

YONKERS, N. Y.,
Thursday, 6 A.M.
Mr. JOHN DAR, Young's
Hotel, Boston, Mass.

Dear Jack: Can you
come up to dinner Thurs-
day evening at six?

Cordially,
ALICE.

W. J. Lampton.

A SURE SIGN

WILTON: Are
your people
going to move this
spring?

**JOHNNIE FLAT-
HOUSE:** I guess we
are. Pa's planning
to go away for a
week.

HIS CHOICE.

LANDLADY:
What part of
the turkey will you
have, Mr. New-
boarder?

"A little of the
outside, please."

A CRYPTOGRAM.

SHE is learning to use the typewriter,
Her skill is but limited now.
The exercise seems to delight her
Though a frown sometimes darkens
her brow
As I pause where her hands, fair and
slender,
Are plodding the alphabet through
Still expecting that sentence so tender,
The sweetly confessed

"I love you."

A fond heart is one of the prizes
Whose blessings are swiftly revealed.
In vain Cupid seeks for disguises;
His presence can ne'er be concealed.
And I wait for no key to decipher
The message that dawns on my view
As I lean o'er the girl I would die for
To read while she writes:

"I /gve y-9."

Philander Johnson.

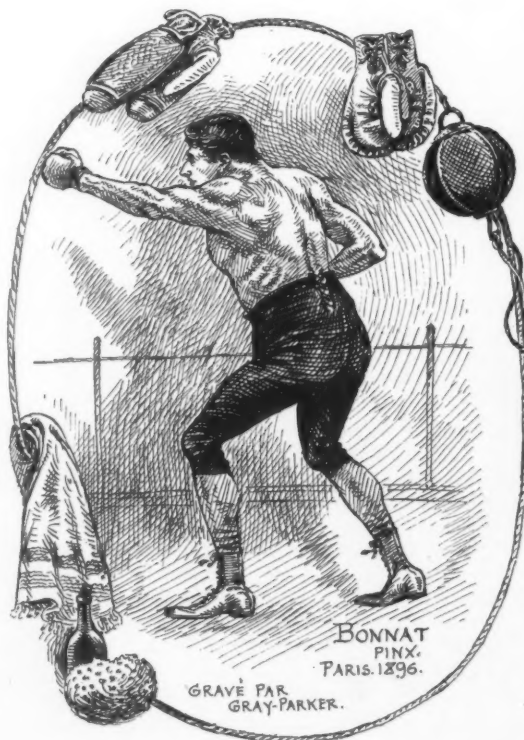
THE baseball season is fairly on its way, and the tottering and decrepit representatives of the great metropolis have started upon their exciting work of crawling around the bases and lying down to die peacefully near the home plate while their opponents are engaged in playing ball.

Once was the time when the New York team lived and breathed, and had to be photographed by the instantaneous process. But now it requires a landscape gardener to keep the weeds out of the prairie grass that finds its luxuriant growth on the soles of their russet shoes.

HISTORICAL PORTRAIT PAINTING, WITH APPROPRIATE FRAMES.

(A few leaves from the catalogue of a private portrait gallery.)

WHY NOT ADOPT THE INTERESTING CUSTOM OF OUR ANCESTORS AND HAVE OURSELVES
PORTRAYED IN OUR FAVORITE POSES?



PORTRAIT OF MY COUSIN JACK, N. Y. A. C., LETTING OUT
HIS LEFT IN AN AMATEUR BOUT.



PORTRAIT OF MY UNCLE HARRY (FATHER'S BROTHER)
BEFORE HE MADE HIS CELEBRATED "CARRY
CLEAR" OF 250 YARDS.

FABLES FOR THE TIMES.



THE ASS IN THE LION'S SKIN.

AN ass, by some means unknown to the writer, having managed to get into a lion's skin, ran around the neighborhood frightening the beasts into fits. When he brayed, they said: "Jupiter! what a magnificent bass voice he has!" and he was the pantata of that district until he died of old age.

Immoral:

A good bluff, well chucked, is liable to do considerable execution.

H. W. Phillips.

RESEARCH FEAWARDED.

"LITTLE Johnny opened his drum yesterday to find where the noise came from."

"Did he find out?"

"Yes. When his father came home, the noise came from little Johnny."

"DO you recall any mention of cannibalism in the Bible?"

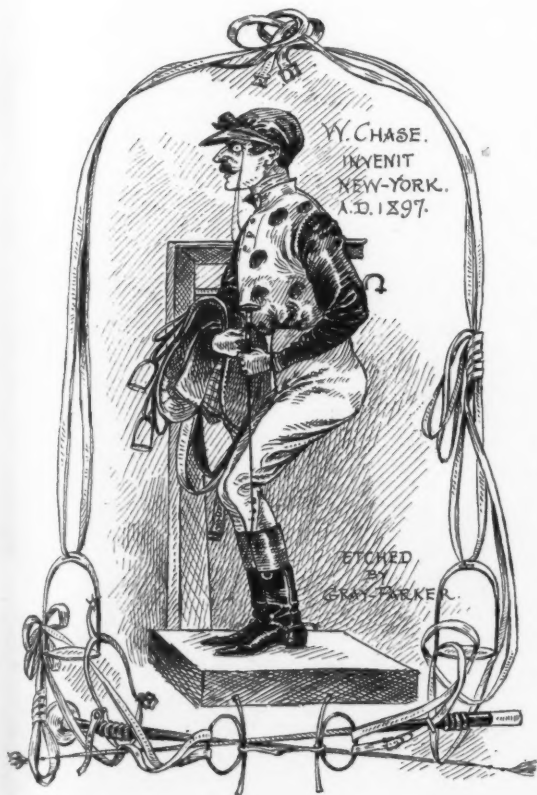
"Certainly. Don't you remember where the Hebrews are forbidden to eat pork?"

DIDN'T AGREE WITH 'RASTUS.

"WHAT'S the matter with your boy 'Rastus?" asked a white gentleman in Los Angeles of an old colored man.

"Dat boy struck mighty hard luck," replied the old man. "He dun been studin' de shavin' and barberin' bizness. He's a 'prentice, dey calls it—blackin' shoes an' wiskin' folks wif a duster an' makin' hisself generally handy. But he never got de chance to cut hair before yesterday, when a gemman rush in, so 'Rastus say, mighty quick like an' fling hisself into de chair an' say: 'Shingle my hair quick, yo' black rascal.' All de bosses done gone to dey dinner, so 'Rastus spec it was his time; so he slide out de do' an' study de shinglin' on de roof a minute an' sets to. W'en he finish an' han' de glass to de man he say he act like he done gone crazy. He hit 'Rastus over de head wif a cup an' chase him out de shop an' clean down de street wif a razor. 'Rastus done been sick ever since."

IT is strange that the learned ladies who built the "Woman's Bible" with arguments in favor of her emancipation should have overlooked the fact that the patriarchs evidently did the housework. Adam helped make the fall clothing and Noah preserved pairs in the Ark.



PORTRAIT OF MY COUSIN GEORGE, THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN RIDER, ABOUT TO BE WEIGHED BEFORE A STEEPLE-CHASE.



GOLFING TERMS.
DRIVING OFF A TEE.



TANDEM TALKS.

SCENE: *The dining-room of a Long Island hotel at luncheon hour.
Half-a-dozen bicycle parties scattered about.*

"IT is great!" exclaimed Diana, as she settled into a chair and glanced at her pretty face in a mirror.

"Greater than Art?" asked Adrian, who liked to stick pins into Diana's enthusiasms. Art was what she thought she worked at five mornings a week. It was her sedative before a round of luncheons, teas, and dinners.

"You always jest at Art," said Diana, severely. "I was talking down to your level. I meant to remark that wheeling on a tandem down the Merrick road, with a northwest gale behind you, is great!"

"But all this wheeling *is* death to Art," said Adrian with mock solemnity. "It is one of those strong stimulants that destroys your pleasure in the mild bouquet of books and pictures."

"You are wrong, hopelessly wrong," flashed Diana. "The keen pleasure and physical exhilaration of such a whirling ride as we have had, racing with the gale, keys up every sense with it. I saw colors in the landscape that I never saw before—browns, and purples, and swirling grays that the French *plein-air* men have painted with their finer vision."

"You probably *see* them better now," said Adrian; "but you'll never have the patience to paint them. The wheel is death to thought, meditation, and Art. My great legal treatise on the Relation of State Legislatures to Lunacy would have been finished a year ago but for the wheel. The hours I used to spend at the Bar Asso-

ciation are sacrificed on sunny afternoons and moonlight nights. I used to get the real thrill from chasing an abstract principle of law through a score of musty State Reports. It set my brain afire to see these things grow palpable before me. A new idea was an achievement—now it is a mere phantom of the night. What is thought at its best compared to the joy of exercise in the sunlight and the placid nerves that follow on hunger and thirst appeased? I tell you, Diana, the wheel is making us all rank materialists."

"That is what most people with an artistic temperament need," said Diana.

"They are out of sympathy with the great material motives that move the mass of men and women."

"And so they ought to be," said Adrian. "You must be different from the mass of men to lead them. How can a writer preach higher ideals if his life is on the lower level?"

"You beg the question," persisted Diana. "The man who reads, or writes, or paints can put more vigor, more individuality, more idealism into it if he has put body and nerves attune by wholesome exercise."

"There is just so much energy in a man or woman," replied Adrian. "What goes into leg muscle won't be transmuted by any hocus-pocus into brain-cells and thought. You can't have your cake and eat it, too."

"It's all a question of proportion," said Diana. "Civilized people for years have been working the brain-cells



"EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT YOUR BRIDLE HAS SLIPPED."



TO HEAL THE DIFFERENCE.

"I CANNOT BE YOUR WIFE, ALGY—THERE IS TOO GREAT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR FORTUNES."

"BUT, MABEL, I'M SURE THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM IF WE COULD ONLY BRING THEM TOGETHER."

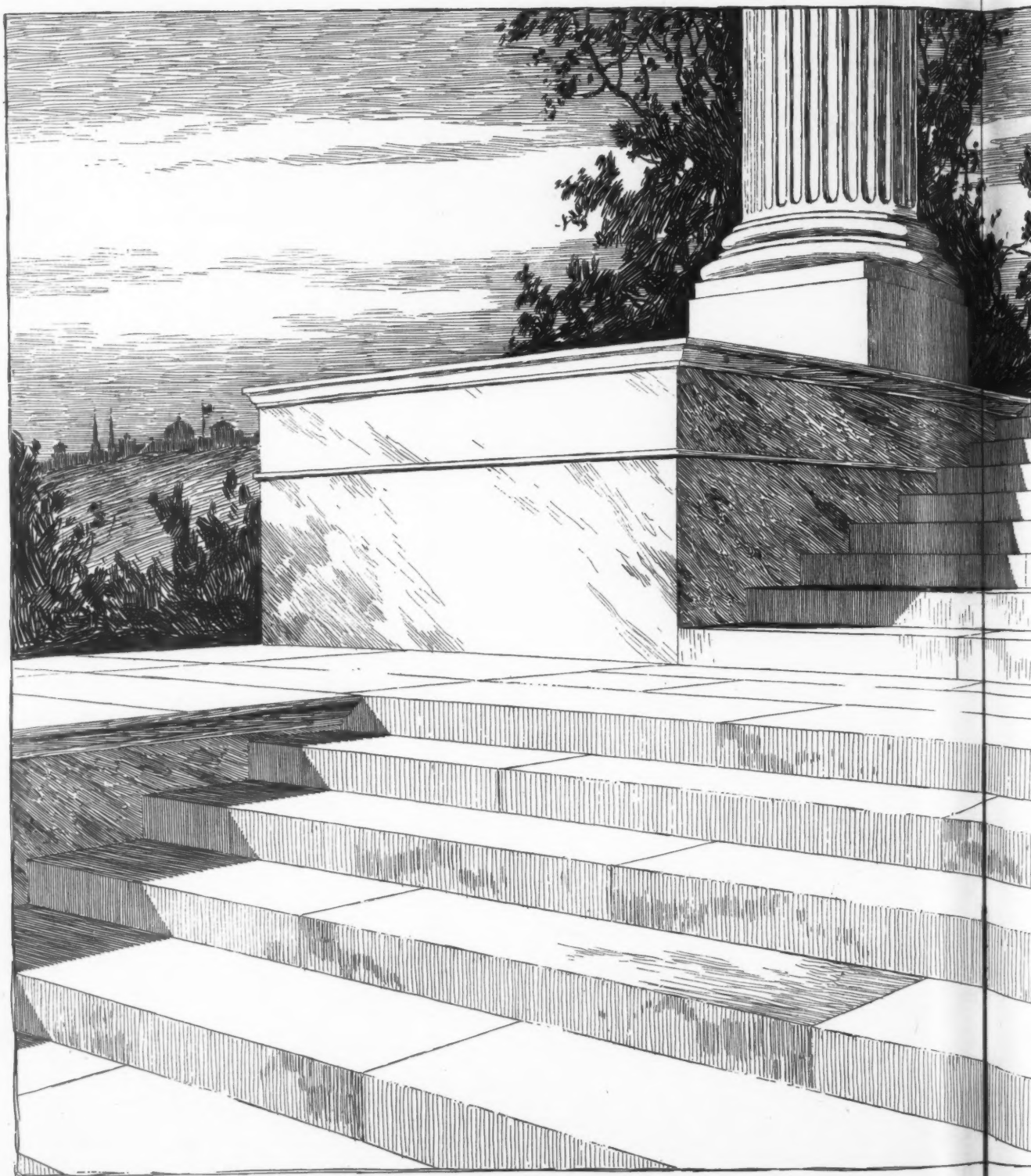
too much. You've got to have a big physique to make a big brain possible or efficient."

"I'm not so sure of that," said Adrian. "Compare Robert Louis Stevenson and John L. Sullivan for example."

"And yet Stevenson said that when he worked all morning in his garden his conscience approved him far more than when he spent the time writing his books. His pleasure came from wholesome exercise," said Diana.

"That is the whole question in a sentence," said Adrian, triumphantly. "You used to make the end of life something higher and finer than pleasure. Now you have enthroned the sensations of the physical man. What becomes of Art, of Thought, of Duty? They are whirling down the Merrick road in a cloud of dust. Come, let us join the procession—Idealism on a wheel, pursued by the avenging furies!"

Droch.





THE BENEFIT OF MANY CREEDS.



AT THIS LATE DAY.

IN days of olde,
When actors bolde
Appeared upoune ye stayge,
When "Will" his gold-
Enne music rolled;
When Garricke or Burbage—
But wot-ye-'elle!
An' sooth to telle,
Within this latter age,
Hacke writers felle
Are "doeing welle"
A-writing for ye *Stayge!*

Carl Currie.

THE NEWSPAPER WOMAN.

IN the vast advertising sheet which Americans—with their never-failing drollness—call a "newspaper," it is sometimes considered necessary that a few items of so-called human interest should occasionally occur. On every successful paper the spiciest of these items are supplied by a lady of great daring and enterprise, whom for polite reasons, and in spite of appearances, we should prefer not to call an adventuress, but a newspaper woman.

Her name—which she inscribes quickly and in extra large capitals upon the Roll of Fame—is always alliterative, and always ends in IE.

Thus she is Jennie Jot-it-down, or Susie Spacewriter, or Rita Rite-it-up.

Instead of wasting time and money in entering the spiritless ranks of some tedious profession, she earns a delightfully erratic income by doing things which she shouldn't do, and telling about them afterwards.

She is a woman of action, even more than she is a woman of words, which is saying a good deal. Although she is always throwing herself in front of trol-



ley cars, sleeping in paupers' beds, entering forbidden dives and doing other eccentric things, she has never yet been confined in Bloomingdale Asylum. In narrating her follies, a complete absence of such adult literary ingredients as grammar, style and common sense, united to a certain naive but flamboyant egotism, convinces the reader that she is an irresponsible little kitten who doesn't know any better.

She is extremely versatile. When paupers' beds are inaccessible, and trolley cars refuse to meet her advances, she retires from the Tenderloin district to the pastures of East Orange, where, among last year's sleeves and home-made hats, she writes syndicate fashion articles for the Western papers. These are not mere treatises on bias folds and box plaits. Millinery goes hand in hand with philosophy, and a strong outburst of morality will be sandwiched in between a description of a collarette and that of a flannelette combing-jacket.

This shows the depth of the female literary mind.

As interviewer the newspaper woman shows how splendidly she has developed that quality which first led our mother Eve to interrogate the serpent. In this branch of the profession she displays great mind-reading powers, and in publishing the interview she translates the laconic reticence of the interviewed lion into several columns of what she knew he wanted to say and somehow didn't.

The newspaper woman is like the "little busy bee." She "gathers honey all the day from every opening flower," or rather "copy from every opening mouth." If she doesn't put what you have said to her into one of her articles, you may be very sure that it was only because it was too stupid to print.

Jessie M. Wood.



"WHAT ENTHUSIASTIC CONVERTS THEY WOULD HAVE MADE!"



"OH, MICHAEL, IS IT TRUE YOU TOLD MR. JONES I LOOKED LIKE AN ANGEL AT MAMMA'S TEA?"
 "YES, DARLING, AND SO YOU ALWAYS DO."
 "WELL, I THINK YOU'RE HORRID TO SAY THAT, WHEN I SPEND SO MUCH THOUGHT ON MY TOILETS!
 ANGELS ARE ALWAYS DRESSED IN THOSE DREADFUL FLOPPY THINGS."



WANTS THE EARTH.

THE ERROR OF A NOVICE.

"I DON'T like the title of this bill," said the old Congressman to the new one.

"Is it too long?"

"No, but it reveals the nature of the measure."

A STATE OF MIND. —Massachusetts.

SOUND FINANCE.

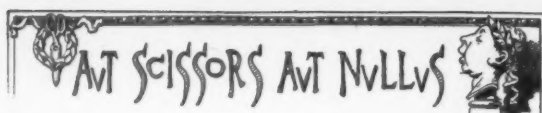
"IT is my firm conviction," said the stork, as it gulped down a frog, "that the greenbacks should be retired."

MOST of the present day "problem" dramas are more notable for their breadth than their depth.

SPEAKING OF MISS PLAINE.

HE: She has such a sad face.

SHE: I should say it would make anyone sad to have such a face.



OH, poster artist, tell us when
This horrid school of art you've set up
Will be called down and made passe!
Or do you never mean to let up

Till we who constitute the herd
Shall see the true artistic beauty
Of maidens green with crimson hair
And snakes for fingers doing duty;

And we see man's soul symbolized
By a fishworm with appendicitis;
Or till the decorative tone
Of purple cows shall much delight us.

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A CHICAGO minister recently preached a sermon on God's tender wisdom in caring for all, and illustrated his point by saying that He knows which of us grows best in the sunlight, and which must have shade. "You know you plant roses in the sunshine," he said, "and heliotrope and geraniums, but if you want your fuchsias to grow, you must keep them in a shady nook." After the sermon a woman came up to him, her face glowing with pleasure. "Oh, doctor, I am so grateful for that sermon," she said, clasping his hand and shaking it warmly. His heart glowed for a moment—only for a moment, though. "Yes," she went on, fervently, "I never knew before what was the matter with my fuchsias."—Argonaut.

THERE is a physician in Cleveland who is pretty sure to stutter when under the stress of excitement. Some time ago he had occasion to professionally officiate on an interesting occasion, and his vocal infirmity was the cause of a funny misapprehension.

The husband and prospective father, who, by the way, had set his heart on a son and heir, was nervously pacing the library when his doctor entered.

"Well, doctor," cries the husband, forcing a smile, "is it twins?"

"Tr—tr—tr" began the doctor.

"Triplets! Great Cæsar!"

"Qu—qu—qu—" stammered the doctor.

"Quadruplets! Holy smoke!"

"No, no," cries the doctor. "Qu—qu—quite the contrary. Tr—tr—tr—try and take it ph—philosophically. It's just a girl."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

COMMISSIONER BOOTH-TUCKER, the new head of the Salvation Army in this country, may be a great and good man in many ways, but he can hardly be considered a success as a hymn writer, judging from the following stanza of a hymn which he has just composed:

"Jesus is my steamer,
Who ne'er can sink. In Him
I have embarked, and safely
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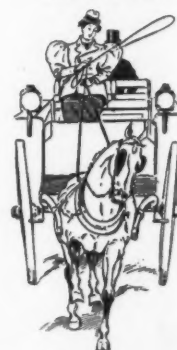
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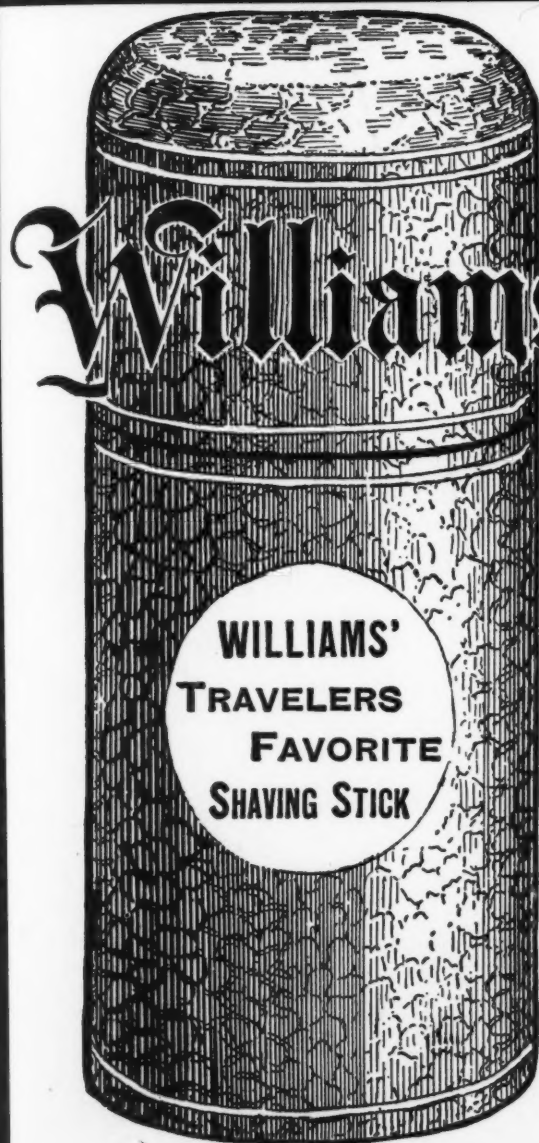
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"Who goes there?" demanded the sentry.

"Relief," answered the corporal.

"Halt, relief! Advance, corporal, and give the countersign."

"But I am not coming in there to be drowned. Come out and let me relieve you."

"Niver a bit," said Hugh. "The lieutenant told me not to leave me post."

"Well, then," said the corporal, starting to move away, "you may stay there all night."

"Halt!" thundered the sentry. "I'll put a hole in ye if you pass without the countersign. Them's me orders from the lieutenant," and he cocked and leveled the gun.

"Confound you and the lieutenant!" answered the corporal. "Everybody will hear it if I bawl it out to you."

"Yis, me darling, and the lieutenant said it must be given in a whisper. In with ye; me finger's on the trigger." There was nothing for the corporal to do but to wade out where the faithful sentinel stood. "Be jabbers," said that worthy, "it's well you've come! The dhirty tide has almost drowned me."

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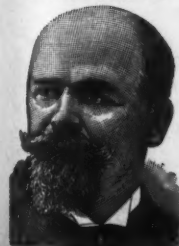
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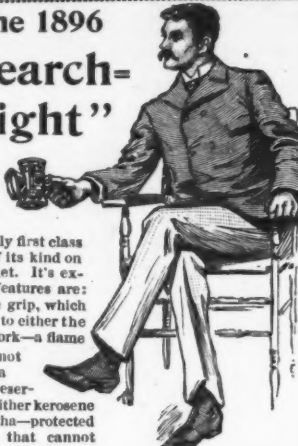
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